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Examiner

Chad Rapp

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS filed on 08/02/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-40 renumbered as 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 08/02/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In independent claim 21, "calibrating the production facility in accordance with the calibration data of the semi-finished materials supplied" and "programming the production facility to the maximum enabled number of products using best-possible calibration", in combination with the other claimed elements and features is not taught nor fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

In independent claim 30, "an output device for outputting one of a warning message and a request to input a new maximum number", in combination with the other claimed elements and features is not taught nor fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

2. Prior art

Asai et al. discloses apparatus selecting paper sheets using a target number entered and stored. A sensor counts the number and supplied to a counter. The target number is compared to the counted number, if they match counting number is reset. New target numbers are set. This patent discloses basically putting a set amount of paper sheets into a batch. This patent does not disclose using a best calibration to calibrate the production facility and requesting a new maximum number.

Matsuda et al. discloses a general production control method for assembly of a car, but does not disclose what Asai et al. lacks.

Reichlin discloses a device for filling a package, but does not disclose what Asai et al. lacks.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. **Comments**

Note: An IDS was filed on August 2nd 2006, after the notice of allowance was mailed and before the issue fee was paid for consideration. The IDS was considered and the claims are still allowable over the prior art of record and the new IDS. For applicants convenience, the previous reasons for allowance and additional paperwork have been copied from the previous notice of allowance and inserted into this action.

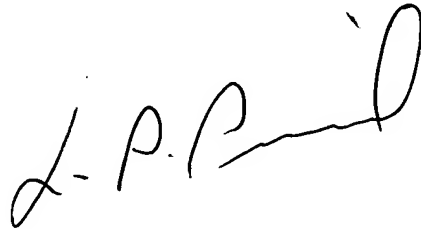
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chad Rapp whose telephone number is (571)272-3752. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 11:00-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (571)272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. P. Rapp', with a large loop at the end.

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